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1	C.No.15635/8-11-50.	Re: Appointment of Revising Authorities for the work of disposing of claims and objections to the electoral Roll published under the said Rules. Appointment of Addl. Revising Authorities due to such of work.	1-2

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"Revising Authority" has been dfined in the Representation of the People (Preparation of Electoral Rools) Rules, 1950, to mean such person or persons as the State Government or an officer appointed by them in that behalf may, subject to any general or special instructions issued by the Election Commission, appoint in writing to perform all or any of the functions of the Revising Authority under these Rules in respect of a constituency or part of a constituency. The power of appointing person or persons as Revising Authority is given to the State Government or to an officer appointed by the State Government in that behalf. The expression "an officer" must be given its ordinary meaning and means one officer. Apart from the question whether the rule contained in section 13 of the General Clauses Act that words in the singular shall include the plural applies to the interpretation of the Rules framed under the Act, that rule itself is subject to the qualification that there must must be nothing repugnant in the subject or context. The context here clearly shows that it was not intended that the power of appointing Revising Authorities should be delegated by the State Government to a number of officers in different parts of the State contrast the wording immediately preceding "person or persons". The provision does not warrant the appointment of an appointing officer with jurisdiction restrict/ a particular territory. On the other hand, could never have been the intention that with a limited territorial jurisdiction given the power of appointing Revisir for the centre State. The obvious that either the State Government

appoint the Revising Authorities or should delega-te that function to one officer. I am, therefore of opinion that it would not be legally feasible to appoint a number of judicial officers in different parts of the State for the purpose of appointing Revising Authorities within their territorial jurisdiction.

Id/- (P.M.L.)

Remembrancer of Legal Affairs.

U.R. to P.& S.D.No.15635, dated the 8th November, 1950.

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